

proceed to H.R. 4350, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 84, nays 15, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 472 Leg.]

YEAS—84

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| Baldwin | Hagerty | Peters |
| Barrasso | Hassan | Reed |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Risch |
| Blumenthal | Hickenlooper | Romney |
| Blunt | Hirono | Rosen |
| Brown | Hoeven | Rounds |
| Burr | Hyde-Smith | Rubio |
| Cantwell | Inhofe | Sasse |
| Capito | Johnson | Schatz |
| Cardin | Kaine | Schumer |
| Carper | Kelly | Scott (FL) |
| Casey | King | Scott (SC) |
| Cassidy | Klobuchar | Shaheen |
| Collins | Lankford | Shelby |
| Coons | Leahy | Sinema |
| Cornyn | Lee | Smith |
| Cortez Masto | Lujan | Stabenow |
| Cramer | Manchin | Tester |
| Crapo | Marshall | Thune |
| Daines | McConnell | Tillis |
| Duckworth | Menendez | Toomey |
| Durbin | Merkley | Tuberville |
| Ernst | Moran | Warner |
| Feinstein | Murkowski | Warkock |
| Fischer | Murphy | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Murray | Wicker |
| Graham | Ossoff | Wyden |
| Grassley | Padilla | Young |

NAYS—15

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| Blackburn | Cruz | Paul |
| Booker | Hawley | Portman |
| Boozman | Kennedy | Sanders |
| Braun | Lummis | Sullivan |
| Cotton | Markey | Warren |

NOT VOTING—1

Van Hollen

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). On this vote, the yeas are 84, the nays are 15.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

AWARDING POSTHUMOUSLY A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL, IN COMMEMORATION TO THE SERVICEMEMBERS WHO PERISHED IN AFGHANISTAN ON AUGUST 26, 2021, DURING THE EVACUATION OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND AFGHAN ALLIES AT HAMID KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5142, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5142) to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 5142) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, we just passed H.R. 5142, which awards the Congressional Gold Medal to 13 servicemembers. They are American heroes, and today the Senate will honor them as such.

Our Nation is forever indebted to these brave men and women and their families for their sacrifice that enabled the safe evacuation of more than 100,000 Americans and Afghan allies.

They risked their lives for our country, and their heroic efforts will not be forgotten.

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 455, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 455) designating November 2021 as "National Hospice and Palliative Care Month".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 455) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MORNING BUSINESS

NOTICE OF A TIE VOTE UNDER S. RES. 27

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to print the following letter in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

To the Secretary of the Senate:

PN 1026, the nomination of Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services having been referred to the Committee on Finance, the Committee, with a quorum present, has voted on the nomination as follows—

(1) on the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed, 14 yeas to 14 noes; and

In accordance with section 3, paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote, and ask that this notice be printed in the RECORD pursuant to the resolution."

REMEMBERING HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, along with my fellow Senator from South Carolina, Mr. SCOTT, I rise today to honor the life of South Carolina State Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., who passed away, surrounded by his loving family, on November 12, 2021, at the age of 90.

Senator Leatherman was born on April 14, 1931, in Lincoln County, NC. He was raised on a farm and attended North Carolina State University, earning a degree in civil engineering in 1953. In 1955, he moved to South Carolina to start a concrete company, before starting his political career. His expansive political career began in 1967 after being elected to serve on the Quinby Town Council. During his term on the town council, he served as mayor pro tempore for the town of Quinby from 1971 to 1976. In 1980, Senator Leatherman ran for South Carolina State Senate and served the people of District 31, which includes Darlington and Florence Counties. On June 18, 2014, Senator Leatherman was elected president pro tempore. He also served as the chairman of the powerful senate finance committee, as well as a member of the ethics, interstate cooperation, rules, transportation and the labor, commerce and industry committees.

As a State senator, a position he held for more than 40 years, Senator Leatherman's dedication to the State could not be questioned. When it came to the needs of South Carolina, he was always at the forefront of getting things done. His statewide perspective led him to championing the Port of Charleston Harbor Deepening Project, as well as recruiting companies like Boeing, Honda, and Volvo to come to the State he loved so intensely. He will be remembered as having one of the most effective voices for his region and the State and was always looking towards what the State of South Carolina could become.

Senator Leatherman's devotion to his State and his constituency should be a model from which all public servants look to follow. We grieve his loss

but celebrate the accomplishments of this great, honorable man. Mr. President, we ask that you and our colleagues join us in applauding Senator Leatherman's many contributions made to the State of South Carolina. A true champion of South Carolina, Senator Leatherman will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES AND MARTY HARRIS

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor Wisconsin residents James "Jim" and Marty Harris for their humanitarian work in Southeast Asia and their embrace of those displaced from that region. These two lifelong educators have made it their life's mission to welcome Hmong and Lao refugee families to Central Wisconsin, as well as make a positive impact for those living in Laos.

Over the course of more than 20 years, the Harris' have made over 20 trips to Laos. Beginning in 2000, they began the effort to reconnect families from their Wisconsin community with friends and relatives left behind when they departed their homeland. During these trips, they assisted Lao villagers in desperate need of medical care, helped provide hospitals with medical supplies, and provided many Lao schools with their very first library, a most appropriate endeavor for the now retired elementary school principal and retired English and art teacher.

However, their largest impact comes with their assistance in the removal of bombs, land mines, and other unexploded ordnances that dot the Laotian landscape after years of war and turmoil. As Jim told me during a visit I made to Laos several years ago, "Many villagers are waiting 40 years for four days of help." To address this, the Harris's founded the nonprofit "We Help War Victims," an organization that assists survivors of war and other conflicts to rebuild their lives. With half of its annual budget stemming from fundraising sales of Lao coffee beans, it allows paid teams to continue ordnance removal even when Jim and Marty aren't able to be halfway around the world. Countless lives and limbs have been saved because of this continuing work and dedication. Now, villages can enjoy expanded gardens and rice fields. This increased agricultural output allows these populations to better sustain themselves and provide food for neighboring communities.

With every trip, Jim returned to Wisconsin with relics and mementos gathered during his time in Laos. Slowly, this collection has amassed to become one of, if not the largest, known private collection of Southeast Asian artifacts in all of the United States. Jim started off by displaying some of these items at the school he worked at as principal. In 2016, he made the collection more accessible by developing an exhibition called "From Laos to America: The Spirit of '76", which was housed at the Wausau Center Mall in

Wausau, WI. Since then, more than 10,000 people have visited the museum.

The "From Laos to America" collection now enters into a new chapter in 2021. This impressive collection has found a new home in Washington Square in downtown Wausau. Jim and Marty have also partnered with the Hmong American Center to ensure that this collection remains in central Wisconsin. This new home will highlight the full collection and provide educational opportunities so the community and visitors alike can learn more about the Southeast Asian refugee experience. I am pleased to celebrate this important partnership and the new home for this important collection, and I am proud to commend Jim and Marty on their tireless humanitarian work and advocacy in Southeast Asia and in central Wisconsin.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME 2020 INDUCTEES

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, it is my privilege to finally congratulate the 2020 Country Music Hall of Fame members-elect Dean Dillon, Marty Stuart, and Hank Williams, Jr. With the postponement of their medallion ceremony until this coming Sunday, I can tell you that Music City is ready to welcome them into the Circle.

Dean Dillon, this year's songwriter inductee, is the heart and soul behind some of country music's most iconic hits. With imagery as vivid as a golden sun-drenched memory and melodies as smooth as Tennessee whiskey, Dean captured the attention of music fans and earned the admiration of the industry's most well-respected artists. In Nashville, the good word is that "it all begins with a song," and in Dean's case, his songbook has inspired generations of young writers to give themselves up to the art of storytelling.

Marty Stuart, this year's modern era artist inductee, is a jack of all trades and an undisputed master of each of them. He started his journey to the Hall of Fame at the age of 13 and, over the course of his career, earned the respect of his peers with his skills as a musician, singer, songwriter, producer, and television host. Today, he is recognized not only for his contributions to his craft, but for his role as one of the foremost custodians of country music's legacy.

Hank Williams, Jr., this year's veterans era artist inductee, bridged generations and genres with his own special blend of family tradition, outlaw swagger, and a singular disregard for the rules. Over the course of five decades and more than 100 appearances on the charts, Hank proved that what many insiders foolishly dismissed as the underbelly of country music was in fact home to musicians and fans alike who preferred to create their own abolition rather than seek it within the glittering confines of the mainstream.

On behalf of the entire Tennessee delegation, I thank Dean, Marty, and Hank for their passion and artistry. Your talents are a gift, gentlemen. Thank you for sharing them with us.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID J. BERGER

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking an outstanding public servant, Mayor David J. Berger, who will retire at the end of this month, after dedicating his life to serving his beloved city of Lima, OH. He leaves this office with a legacy of service and accomplishments.

Dave has served as the mayor of Lima, OH, for a remarkable 32 years. He is the proud son of an IBEW union worker and was raised with a keen sense of service to others and a dedication to his Catholic faith—two things that would guide him throughout his career. Dave's faith led him to attend a seminary high school and then St. Meinrad's seminary in southern Indiana. Upon leaving the seminary, he attended Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Following graduation, his faith and commitment to service brought him to Lima, OH, where he served as the executive director of Rehab Project. He worked to bring opportunity for a second chance to Ohioans in prison, helping provide training to build and renovate homes. This work led him to run for mayor in 1989 and, after a successful campaign, serve in that position ever since.

From his work serving as a founding member of the bipartisan Ohio Mayors Alliance, to serving as cochair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council, Dave has worked with mayors and legislators on both sides of the aisle to always be a persistent advocate for the people of Lima and the concerns and challenges faced by many cities throughout the industrial Midwest.

Dave is well known for his work advocating for water infrastructure and has spent half of his career as mayor leading negotiations with the U.S. and Ohio EPAs to work to solve a combined and sanitary sewer overflow problem that has plagued many cities. My staff and I regularly met with Dave about these issues and acted upon his ideas and suggestions.

We have also worked together on several community projects. From helping to launch a My Brother's Keeper chapter in his city to advocating for public infrastructure investments or ensuring employers in Lima honor the dignity of work by respecting labor union rights, David and I have spent years collaborating to help the local community flourish.

With his commitment to push for research and economic development, and improving the city's downtown, Dave has lent his time and wisdom to serving on the board of directors of the